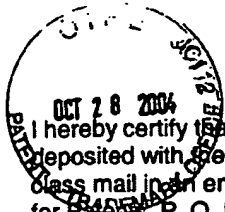


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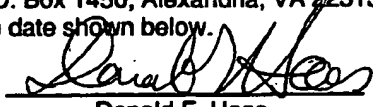
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PETITION UNDER RULE 1.78

The Applicant hereby requests consideration of this Petition Under Rule 1.78.

The undersigned recently became aware that the old practice of being able to insert a cross reference to a prior U.S. application by requesting such in the patent application transmittal form was changed by the new amendment practice effective July 30, 2003. It was at this time that the undersigned reviewed this patent application and found out that the amendment to include the required cross reference to the divisional application serial number 09/949,746 had only been requested at the time of filing in the transmittal form. The undersigned states that this error to include a preliminary amendment along with the filing was unintentional and that the entire delay in submitting this amendment was unintentional. The Applicant requests that the amendment of the specification in the amendment filed concurrently herewith be accepted.

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